GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ANTYODAYA YOJANA
RAMJI MANJHI

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poorest of the poor in the country are not getting the Foodgrains while the godowns are over flowing with food grains;

(b) if so, the measures the Government have taken or purpose to take to ensure that Foodgrains reach the needy persons;

(c) the number of families benefited under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana;;

(d) whether the Antyodaya Anna Yojana has failed to achieve its target; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the remedial steps initiated by the Union Government so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b) : No, Sir. The Antyodaya Anna Yojana was announced on the 25 December, 2000 so as to serve the poorest of the poor in rural and urban areas by providing them with foodgrains @25 kg. per family per month at highly subsidised rates Rs.2 a kg. for wheat and Rs.3 a kg. for rice.

(c),(d)&(e) : The Antyodaya Anna Yojana contemplates identification of one crore poorest of the poor families in the country. So far Antyodaya Anna Yojana has been implemented in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh and the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Damanand Diu after completing the task of identification of the beneficiary families and issue of distinctive ration cards to them. The number of Anytodaya families benefited in these States is 5187520. The task of identification of beneficiaries and issue of distinctive ration cards to them is in progress in other States/UTs.